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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response to Office Action is responsive to the December 27, 2007, final rejection Office Action, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ends March 27, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized by the undersigned to charge any underpayment or any necessary additional fees to deposit account 50-2263. Please enter the following amendments before taking action on the merits of the above-referenced application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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